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**REMARKS****New Claim**

New claim 57 is written in the "step for" form of § 112, paragraph 6. It should thus be interpreted to include the acts described in the specification and equivalents thereof.

**Specification**

Applicants have amended the Abstract to read in narrative form and include fewer than 150 words.

**35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection**

Applicants have amended claim 1 (and, thus, also dependent claims 2-56) to include the limitation "wherein the second catalyst component is present in at least one of the group consisting of the second reaction zone and the third reaction zone." Applicants believe this amendment obviates the Examiner's rejection under § 112. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

**35 U.S.C. § 103**

The Examiner has maintained her rejection of claims 1-56 in light of U.S. Patent No. 5,516,848. Applicants have previously noted that the '848 Patent does not teach or suggest the process parameters of the instant claims. However, Applicants also note that the instant claims are expressly directed to a process which produces polymers having a weight average molecular weight of less than 100,000; while the '848 Patent is clearly and expressly directed to a process which produces a polymer having a weight average molecular weight of at least 150,000. There is no hint or suggestion in the '848 Patent that production of a lower molecular weight polymer would be desirable. Applicants seek reconsideration and wish to further explore this with the Examiner during the interview scheduled to occur on December 13, 2005.

**Miscellaneous**

The Applicants' representative thanks the Examiner for the courtesy of scheduling an interview for December 13, 2005. He looks forward to the meeting. If the Examiner believes that it would expedite prosecution of the instant application or assist her before the meeting, she is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney at her convenience.

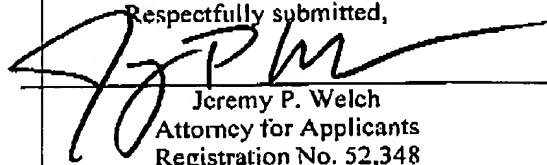
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